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Art Unit : 2621

Examiner : Andrew W. Johns

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2005, the term for response to which expires on August 19, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 2, 4-23 and 25-35 are amended; claim 3 is maintained; claims 24, 36 and 37 are canceled; and claims 38-41 are added.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.

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